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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 8094M

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Zimmerman, et al. Confirmation No. 6704

Serial No.: 09/865,074 Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: 05/24/2001 Examiner: Thuy Tran Lien

Title: TORTILLA CHIPS WITH CONTROLLED SURFACE BUBBLING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 3/4/03

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
 Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 3/4/03 in the above-identified Patent Application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 21-33 as follows:

21. A snack chip, wherein said snack chip is made from a dough composition comprising:
- a. from about 50% to about 80% of a blend comprising:
    - i. at least about 50% of a precooked starch-based material;
    - ii. at least about 0.5% pregelatinized starch, wherein said pregelatinized starch is at least about 50% pregelatinized, and further wherein said pregelatinized starch has a peak viscosity of from about 1500 cp to about 4600 cp; a final viscosity of from about 300 cp to about 2700 cp; and a water absorption index of from about 12 to about 16; and
  - b. from about 30% to about 60% total water.

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